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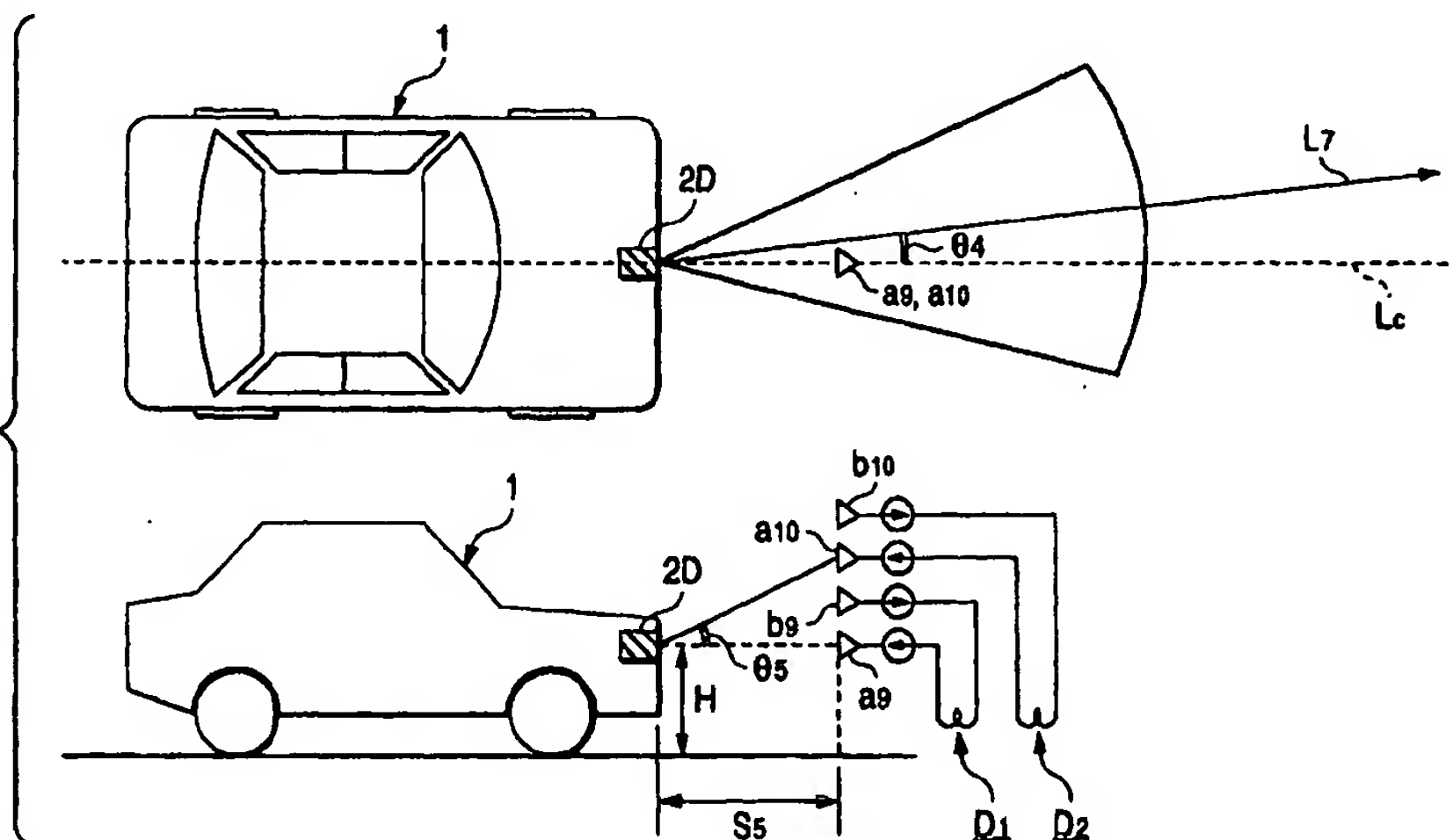
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(54) **Method and device for aligning radar mount direction, and radar aligned by the method or device**

(57) A radar mount direction alignment device to be used for aligning the transmit/receive direction of a radar device 2D mounted on a member on which a radar device is to be mounted, such as a vehicle 1. The radar mount direction alignment device has receiving sections b9, b10 for receiving a signal emitted from the radar device 2D, and transmission sections a9, a10 for transmit-

ting a signal to the radar device 2D. The radar mount direction alignment device has the function of emitting, toward the radar device 2D, a signal which, upon receipt of a signal output from the radar device 2D, behaves as if having been received at and reflected from a position farther from the radar device 2D than a distance between the radar device 2D and the radar mount direction alignment device.

FIG. 14A



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1. Claims: 1-11, 42-47 and 48

Claims 1-11, 42-47 (apparatus) and 48 (method) deal with a radar mount direction alignment / adjusting device operating by re-sending signals received from the radar device via one or several transmission lines.

2. Claims: 12-13, and 20-26

Claims 12-13 and 20-26 (method) deal with a single or a plurality of radar mount direction alignment device(s) having a relative angle sensor sensing a relative angle with reference to a target.

3. Claims: 14-15 and 27-28

Claims 14-15 and 27-28 (method) deal with a single or a plurality of radar mount direction alignment device(s) working with a signal intensity sensor for receiving a signal reflected from a target.

4. Claims: 16-19

Claims 16-19 (method) deal with a single radar mount direction alignment device comprising a mere accumulation of features of claims 1 ff. and 14 ff. without any interaction.

5. Claims: 29-30

Claims 29-30 (apparatus) deal with a radar device per se.

6. Claims: 31-39

Claims 31-39 (method) deal with a single or a plurality of radar mount direction alignment device(s) whereby a change in the level of a signal emitted from the radar device is detected. The difference to the other claims is that the signal is received directly from the radar device and not reflected from a target.

7. Claim : 40

Claim 40 (apparatus) deals essentially with a frequency converter.



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8. Claim : 41

Claim 41 (apparatus) deals essentially with an instrument for measuring a signal level with an FFT system.

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